Bridge Link Island Right

Former mayor Claude L. Harrison called yesterday for immediate insistence by B.C. on the federal government connecting Vancouver Island and the mainland by bridge and road.

The terms of union under which B.C. entered confederation, he said, were still in force and effect, and if they had been enforced long ago, "we would not be in the position we are today."

He expressed doubt that the CPR would be compelled to continue an unprofitable service. But, he said, a bridge over Seymour Narrows still could be built despite destruction of the top of Ripple Rock, and a road connection made through to Soda Creek on the Fraser.

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Seven Men Start Work

The city's first federally-aided winter work job started yesterday, giving employment to seven otherwise unemployed men who started rock-blasting for extension of Skinner to the Point Ellice Bridge.

Letter Carriers Elect Fogden

Hubert Fogden was elected president of the local Branch 11 of the Association of Letter Carriers, at the annual meeting Monday.

William Firth was elected vice-president and James Cox, secretary-treasurer.

Executive includes Ernest Paulson, Bert Braidwood and George Heathfield.

'Groom' Answered Call of Wild

Little Lost Dog Home Again

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Jake Came Home

The little black dog that lost his way in the Sooke forest more than six months ago, found his way home on Saturday night.

Jake, a black Sheltie with white markings, and weighing less than 20 pounds, has been living off the country ever since his arrival by TCA from Halifax last July 27.

Brought in from a Nova Scotia kennels as a bridegroom for Beckie, another black and white Sheltie, by the Lang Syne Kennels, operated by Maurice Tozer, Jake slipped away into the woods within an hour of his arrival.

This canine Bluenose, who has a pedigree longer than himself, is in excellent health and spirits after his hermit existence.

It is not known what he has been living on during all the months of his absence, but from his actions in the Tozer home, it is evident that he has become an excellent mouser. He may have varied a diet of small rodents with spawning salmon fished from shallow feeder streams to Gollstream.

He spent all day Sunday, after a necessary bath and combing, lying across the feet of one or other of the Tozers, now and then sitting up to make demonstrations of affection.

The Tozers had seen the animal at intervals during the fall and winter, but had not been able to get near. Mrs. Tozer remembers seeing him once trotting, proud and alert, along a skyline, like a Lilliputian lone wolf.

At Christmas he was tracked in the light snow to his lair under a fallen log.

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Lived off Land For Six Months

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Eric Bligh, 13, a neighbor, then constructed a trap along the lines of those used by the SPCA from wire netting, and visited it faithfully every day. He had checked it as usual Saturday morning, but found it empty. Then an hour or so later, Jackie Davidson, another neighbor, found a strange foxy little creature whining in the trap, and not knowing anything about a lost dog, took trap and animal home and phoned the RCMP.

Const. Donald Knight answered the call, checked the dog's registration markings, and his records. Sure enough it was Jake, and he arrived home by RCMP car, quiet and smiling a doggy smile.

He was turned into a kennel where he ate a hearty supper and next morning had his bath and his long-belated introduction to home life and, incidentally, to Beckie.

Her comments on his absence could not, unfortunately, be translated.

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Fast Action Urged On Park Problem

A Vancouver Island MLA yesterday warned the government that if it doesn't move quickly, it will be unable to acquire property for park purposes at Long Beach, near Tofino.

"This is the last large expanse of ocean beach accessible to the people of Vancouver Island, Vancouver and the lower mainland," said John Squire (CCF-Alberni).

"That road is just about through," he said. "I suggest you assess that property, get yourself a few hundred thousand dollars and go in and buy all the property you can. Then what you don't require you can sell."

Twelve-mile-long Long Beach once was considered for a world record auto speed attempt. Aircraft can land on it, and at one time, buses used to run along the beach to serve the two or three campsites on the shore. The Alberni-Tofino road to be opened in July will open up the whole west coast area, including Long Beach.

"You are going to regret it, if you don't move," Mr. Squire warned Recreation Minister Earle Westwood. "There are parcels of land there with 1¾-mile frontage and the owners are waiting for someone to come along and purchase them."

Gaglardi Ticked Off

John Squire (CCF, Alberni) brought religion into his speech yesterday when he ticked off Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi, who is also a clergyman, for his bitter attack on labor leaders.

"We are not going to get too far with a lot of pious words," Mr. Squire said. "When we were created they gave us a brain, and the labor movement has used it to eradicate some of the evils of this world.

"And we don't do it with a Bible behind our backs," he said.

"I get a little sick of this pious approach, especialy from the minister of highways."

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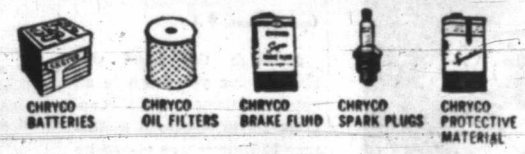

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